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SUBJECT: US MILITARY SALES TO SUDAN

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1. EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED LETTER DATED DEC 12 ADDRESSED TO COMMERCIAL ATTACHE FROM DIRECTOR FOREIGN PROCUREMENT MINYDEF. WE UNDERSTAND COPIES WERE ALSO SENT TO SEVERAL MILITARY ATTACHES IN KHARTOUM. COVERING LETTER INVITES INTERESTED PARTIES TO SEND QUOTATIONS FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR BROAD RANGE MILITARY ITEMS NO LATER THAN FEB 15. SEPARATE MEMORANDUM SIGNED BY DIR FOREIGN PROCUREMENT INVITES QUOTATIONS AND INDICATES TRAINING AND SPARE PARTS WOULD BE DISCUSSED LATER. SOME LISTS CARRY INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATIONS OF CONFIDENTIAL OR TOP SECRET.

2. THERE ARE FOUR SETS OF LISTS:
(A) GUIDANCE, LOW DETECTION, MEDIUM AND HIGH DETECTION AND STRATEGIC RADARS
(B) GROUND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR FIVE AIRFIELDS, COMMAND AND WARNING NETS
(C) SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AIRBASE AND AIRPORTS (COMMENT: SINCE THESE ARE LARGELY CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS, WE ARE SENDING DETAILS SEPTEL USDOC FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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ATTENTION INTERESTED US CONTRACTORS. END SUMMARY.)
(D) REQUIRED CHEMICAL EQUIPMENT: PROTECTIVE MEANS, DETECTION DEVICES, DECONTAMINATION DEVICE, RECONNAISSANCE DEVICE, ANEMOMETER AND DIRECTION VAN.
LISTS TOTAL SOME 16 PAGES CONTAINING CONSIDERABLE SPECIFIC INFORMATION. ITEMS REQUESTED RANGE FROM STRATEGIC RADAR EQUIPMENT TO FIRST-AID EQUIPMENT IN CONNECTION WITH AIRPORTS.

EMBASSY POUCHING COMPLETE SET TO DEPT (AF/E).

3. COMMENT: ONCE IT HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY REVIEW LISTS, BELIEVE DEPT WILL AGREE THERE WOULD BE NO POLICY PROBLEMS IN US FIRMS PROVIDING MANY OF ITEMS REQUESTED. EMBASSY SEES NO REASON KEEP US FIRMS FROM TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES IN SUCH CASES, AND IN THAT CONNECTION, REQUEST DEPT INFORM APPROPRIATE US FIRMS DIRECTLY AND ASAP.

4. 4. IN OTHER CASES, HOWEVER, IN LIGHT REF A, IT APPEARS WE CANNOT ENCOURAGE US FIRMS TO REPLY, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. SPECIFICALLY, DEPT HAS ADVISED THAT NO COMMITMENT SHOULD BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH RADAR EQUIPMENT, AND WE ASSUME THAT INCLUDES MOST ITEMS REQUESTED IN LIST (A), WHICH PRESUMABLY ARE THOSE IN WHICH WESTINGHOUSE INTERESTED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: ONCE DEPT HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY REVIEW LISTS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO GOS ON THESE POSSIBLE SALES, AS WELL AS PROSPECTIVE M-16 RIFLE SALE MENTIONED REF C. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE LATEST INFO DEPT CAN PROVIDE RE STATUS PENDING C-130 TRANSACTION. WHILE MINYDEF DEADLINE OF FEB 15 MAY PROVE ELASTIC, PROMPT WORD OBVIOUSLY NEEDED IF US FIRMS ARE TO BE INVOLVED. MOREOVER, IN LIGHT RECENT PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION, TOP-LEVEL GOS WOULD FIND OUR UNRESPONSIVENESS ON ALL ITEMS DIFFICULT UNDERSTAND.
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